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Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending August 31, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 31, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 44 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 44 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 65.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Crossett to 76.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Benton. Highs ranged from 85.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 94.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Benton. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast region of the state with an average of 2.31 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 31, 2014				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dent	99	97	97	99
Corn, mature	92	79	75	90
Corn, harvested	19	7	22	50
Cotton, open bolls	21	15	15	38
Rice, headed	98	93	92	96
Rice, mature	44	24	30	53
Rice, harvested	5	1	4	18
Sorghum, coloring	98	95	93	97
Sorghum, mature	69	49	42	70
Sorghum, harvested	15	3	6	36
Soybeans, setting pods	98	94	94	96
Soybeans, turning color	39	27	21	28
Soybeans, dropping leaves	20	11	7	15
Soybeans, mature	12	3	4	9

Crop condition for week ending August 31, 2014					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	7	22	47	24
Cotton	0	5	22	49	24
Hay, alfalfa	5	12	37	45	1
Hay, other	4	12	33	44	7
Livestock	1	2	21	67	9
Pasture	2	14	28	46	10
Rice	1	6	28	46	19
Sorghum	1	5	20	50	24
Soybeans	2	10	26	42	20

Comments from Extension Agents

“Rain needed county-wide. Rotating cattle to better forages. Producers are concerned about Johnsongrass poisonings and taking necessary precautions. Fly control on cattle.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Rice, corn, and sorghum harvest was gradually increasing. Rice farmers continued to drain fields in preparation for harvest. Soybean irrigation continued.”

-Randy Chlapecka, Jackson County

“Spraying grain sorghum to control head worms and sugarcane aphids; draining rice; harvesting corn and baling hay.”

-Hank Chaney, Faulkner County

“Rice, sorghum, and corn harvest picked up speed this week. Early yield reports and quality are good. Soybeans continue to be irrigated. Hay continues to be baled and cotton is reaching cut out.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Irrigation continues. Rice fields are being drained. Should see rice harvest begin next week. Grain sorghum yields are good. Many early planted fields received enough rainfall to be non-irrigated. Most cotton is safe now from plant bugs. Few soybean fields are being treated for bean leaf beetle.”

- Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending August 31, 2014										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	85.2	68.8	77.0	75.1	1.9	0.06	1	NA	2.45	NA
Lead Hill	91.3	66.7	79.0	74.1	4.9	0.32	3	-0.39	0.66	-1.99
Winslow	87.1	69.4	78.3	NA	NA	0.67	3	NA	3.02	NA
Extreme/Average	87.9	68.3	78.1	74.6	3.4	0.35	3	-0.39	2.04	-1.99
North Central										
Calico Rock	93.0	67.5	80.3	74.8	4.8	2.30	4	1.65	2.55	-0.12
Evening Shade	91.7	67.0	79.4	77.4	2.0	1.39	3	0.72	1.74	-0.85
Mammoth Spring	91.9	66.7	79.3	74.8	4.4	0.63	2	-0.09	0.90	-1.80
Mtn Home	91.4	69.7	80.6	77.0	3.6	1.43	3	0.61	1.94	-0.97
Mtn View	93.0	69.9	81.4	77.1	4.3	1.20	2	0.37	1.37	-2.03
Extreme/Average	92.2	68.2	80.2	76.2	3.8	1.39	4	0.65	1.70	-1.15
Northeast										
Corning	91.6	72.1	81.9	77.3	4.5	0.42	2	-0.15	1.42	-1.00
Jonesboro	93.2	72.5	82.8	77.4	5.5	1.03	2	0.58	1.59	-0.80
Newport	89.7	71.6	80.6	78.4	2.2	0.20	1	-0.39	0.66	-1.70
Pocahontas	92.6	71.7	82.1	76.4	5.7	1.20	1	0.47	1.72	-1.16
Searcy	92.1	72.0	82.1	78.7	3.3	0.54	2	-0.08	1.19	-0.94
Extreme/Average	91.8	72.0	81.9	77.7	4.3	0.68	2	0.09	1.32	-1.12
West Central										
Dardanelle	92.7	70.0	81.4	79.5	1.8	0.10	1	NA	1.47	NA
Mena	87.1	68.9	78.0	76.6	1.4	0.39	1	-0.24	5.29	2.97
Subiaco	91.7	69.1	80.4	78.5	1.9	0.19	1	-0.43	1.21	-1.50
Waldron	90.0	68.1	79.1	77.1	2.0	0.08	1	-0.63	2.50	-0.23
Extreme/Average	90.4	69.0	79.7	77.9	1.8	0.19	1	-0.43	2.62	0.41
Central										
Alum Fork	88.7	70.9	79.8	77.4	2.4	1.34	3	0.62	2.03	-0.74
Benton	94.8	76.0	85.4	79.2	6.1	0.08	1	NA	0.50	NA
Cabot	91.3	70.2	80.8	79.0	1.9	0.01	1	-0.60	1.26	-0.97
Conway	90.9	71.6	81.2	78.8	2.4	2.02	1	1.39	2.95	0.33
Hot Springs	90.1	71.9	81.0	80.0	1.0	0.29	4	-0.40	2.00	-0.69
Morrilton	93.3	70.3	81.8	78.1	3.6	1.98	3	1.35	2.81	0.38
Nimrod Dam	93.9	70.7	82.3	78.3	3.9	1.53	2	0.79	3.00	0.26
Extreme/Average	91.9	71.7	81.8	78.7	3.1	1.04	4	0.53	2.08	-0.24
East Central										
Brinkley	90.4	73.0	81.7	78.6	3.1	0.00	0	-0.46	0.60	-1.35
Des Arc	90.4	73.3	81.9	79.5	2.3	0.95	2	0.40	2.03	-0.13
Madison	90.6	70.9	80.7	78.3	2.4	0.76	3	0.20	1.10	-1.44
Mccrory	92.1	71.4	81.8	78.9	2.9	0.38	1	NA	1.11	NA
Extreme/Average	90.9	72.2	81.5	78.8	2.7	0.52	3	0.05	1.21	-0.97
Southwest										
Ashdown	92.1	68.6	80.4	NA	NA	0.05	1	-0.56	1.08	-1.28
Murfreesboro	88.7	67.4	78.1	77.4	0.7	0.12	2	-0.61	3.73	0.85
Nashville	92.8	71.2	82.0	81.0	0.9	0.22	3	-0.32	4.44	2.03
Extreme/Average	91.2	69.1	80.1	79.2	0.8	0.13	3	-0.50	3.08	0.53
South Central										
Calion	89.7	69.9	79.8	79.1	0.7	0.67	4	0.03	3.31	1.03
Camden	90.4	70.4	80.4	79.5	1.0	0.62	3	0.03	3.37	0.98
Fordyce	88.6	70.1	79.4	78.3	1.1	1.55	5	1.00	5.16	2.76
Magnolia	89.2	68.4	78.8	79.6	-0.8	0.23	2	-0.23	0.23	-0.97
Extreme/Average	89.5	69.7	79.6	79.1	0.5	0.77	5	0.21	3.02	0.95
Southeast										
Crossett	91.2	65.6	79.3	79.0	0.2	1.80	4	0.98	2.62	-0.67
Eudora	92.9	71.9	82.4	81.6	0.8	6.43	3	5.70	7.47	4.39
Pine Bluff	90.4	73.1	81.8	80.1	1.7	0.43	3	-0.15	2.12	-0.61
Portland	92.4	71.4	81.9	79.8	1.9	1.22	2	0.82	3.93	1.51
Rohwer	89.8	71.7	80.7	79.7	0.9	1.67	4	1.19	5.83	3.73
Extreme/Average	91.3	70.7	81.2	80.0	1.1	2.31	4	1.71	4.39	1.67
State	90.8	70.2	80.5	78.1	2.4	0.78	3	0.18	2.30	-0.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.